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MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

KOSCIUSKO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH,

ATTALA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

ON THE 16TH, 17TH, AND 18TH OF OCTOBER, 1869.

KOSCIUSKO, MISS.

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MINUTES.

The Kosciusko Baptist Association convened with the Church Pleasant Ridge, Attala county, Mississippi, on Saturday, the 16th, 17 and 18th of October, 1869, according to appointment of the last sessi

The former Moderator, T. Y. Roland, and Clerk, J. S. Holloway, the usual hour proceeded to call the delegates to order, by singing song, and prayer, by Elder Henderson. The first business being read the letters from the Churches, the brethren, Elder J. R. Far and S. Durham were appointed to read said letters. Having finish the reading of the same, proceeded to elect the Moderator, the bre ren, Elders Portwood and Barrett, to act as tellers. But before t vote was taken, on motion, Elder W. B. Lloyd was elected by accla ation Moderator, and S. Durham Clerk and Treasurer. Both havi accepted, the Association took a recess for a few minutes.

The brethren reassembled, and Elder J. F. Wilson preached the A nual Discourse, from 26 v. of the 24 ch. of the Gospel by St. Luke: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into H Glory ?"

The Association adjourned for one hour, for dinner and recreati

The hour having expired, and the brethren having re-assembled the house, and the reading of a portion of God's Word by the Mode tor, and prayer by Elder H. W Portwood, and the Moderator annou ced that the Association would proceed to business.

According to the Decorum, the former officers presented the order business, as formerly presented and adopted at the 7th annual meeti of this body.

On motion, it was received and agreed to.

The Moderator gave invitations to ministers of Missionary Bapt Churches to seats with us to aid us in our deliberations.

Called for letters from newly constituted Churches who may des to unite with our body. None presented.

Proceeded to appointment of Committees. 1st. On Preaching—
dren H. P. Donald, W. C. Veazy, and A. J. Grantham; and on
tion, the deacons of Pleasant Ridge church were requested to act
th said committee.
2. On Documents and Correspondence—Elders J. F. Wilson and D.
Ellington, J. R. Farish.
3. On Domestic and Foreign Missions—Brother L. S. Terry, and
ders T. Y. Roland and W. B. Hollis.
4. On the State of the Churches—J. S. Holloway, J. G. Sallis and
B. Sanders.
On motion, suspended appointing a committee on the Spiritual con-
tion of the blacks; but after getting through the appointment of com-
ittees, a reconsideration was had, and agreed to appoint said com-
ittee.
J. A. Winters, L. S. Terry and Elder J. R. Farish were appointed
id committee.
6. On Sunday Schools—J. T. Dickens, E. J. Hughes and J. H. Ellis.
7. On Nominations—Elder J. W. Henderson, J. Scott Ray and D.
. Guyton.
8. On Finance—Elders D. Burny, B. F. Haynes and brother W. F.
oods.
9. On motion, appointed a committee on Ministerial Education—El-
r J. R. Farish, L. S. Terry and H. P. Donald said committee.
10. And further, on motion, appointed the following committee on
vision of Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum—Elder D. A. El-
gton, J. S. Holloway and the Clerk, S. Dnrham.
Called for messengers of sister Associations.
From Yazoo—Elder H. W. Portwood, Messenger.
From Harmony—Elders R. G. Barrett and W. McMurtray, by letter.
From the State Baptist Convention—Elders Jas. Nelson and T. J.
alne.
No other messengers presented themselves, and the Moderator pro-
eeded to give said messengers the right hand of fellowship and wel-
ome among us.
The Committe on Preaching reported that Elder Barret to preach
night at the Church, at early candle lighting; and at 11 o'clock, A.
. to-morrow (Sabbath) Elder H. W. Portwood, to be followed by Elder
ames Nelson, and at night, Elder T. J. Walne.
Several queries were presented and referred to the Committee on
ocuments.
Agreed to have prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
On motion, the Association adjourned till Monday morning at 9
clock for business.
Benediction by the Moderator and the Association adjourned.

SABBATH MORNING, 9 o'clock

The Congregation met agreeable to appointment, and prayer meet-
g was conducted by Bro. B. B. Dickens, till near 11 o'clock, the hour
r preaching.
The services of preaching commenced by Elder Portwood, from the
Timothy, 4 ch. and 2 v. to a large congregation, followed by Elder
Nelson, from Central Association, on Ministerial Education. At the

conclusion took a collection in cash and pledges of $182 50. T
meeting was then dismissed.

At candle lighting, the congregation reassembled, and Elder T.
Walne preached from the 1st Corinthians 16 ch. and 10 v.: "Now
Timotheus come," &c., and the meeting adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met and opened by singing and prayer, and the fi
business was, that it was reported that Poplar Springs, in Leake co
ty, had dissolved; the Clerk was ordered to strike it from the roll.

The Clerk proceed to call the roll and mark absentees—See Tabl

Elder W. H. Head having arrived, the invitation of correspondi
was extended, and Elder W. H. Head and Bro. R. G. Bigers, messe
gers from the Louisville Association, were received and the right ha
of fellowship given and they took seats with us.

Called for Reports. The Committee on Documents, &c., made the
report, which was received and on motion was unanimously passed a
marked (A.)

The Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions made their repo
and was ably advocated by Elders Nelson, Portwood, McMurtra
Farish and other brethren, and was adopted with a spirit of missio
and marked (B.) and appointed following as Executive Board as co
templated in foregoing report, to-wit: Elder W. H. Lloyd, Moderato
and S. Durham, Clerk; Elders D. A. Ellington and T. Y. Roland, a
brethren S. G. Peeler, L. S. Terry, W. C. Veazy, J. E. Hughes, H.
Donald, G. M. Dotson, J. S. Holloway and R. B. Sanders.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report which was receive
and warmly advocated by several of the brethren and adopted. Mar
ed (C.)

The Committee on the State of the Churches made their report a
the Association, with sorrow, sympathise with the Churches that a
in a cold and backsliden state. It was passed and marked (D.)

The Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the blacks made the
report. Passed and marked (E.)

Elder W. H. Head having been appointed to preach at 11 o'cloc
at his suggestion he was excused from preaching, and the Associatio
continued business.

The Committee on Nominations reported that Elder B. F. Hayn
preach the Annual Introductory Sermon, and W. B. Hollis, alternat
Adopted and marked (F.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, and wa
warmly advocated and adopted. Marked (G.)

The Committee on Finance likewise made their report, which wa
adopted and marked (H.)

The Treasurer's report was not handed to the Clerk for publicatio
by the Committee.

Appointed Messengers to Sister Associations, to-wit:

Yazoo—Elders W. B. Lloyd, J. R. Farish and Ellington, and breth
ren B. B. Dicken and L. S. Terry. Terry to write the letter.

Harmony—Elder J. R. Farish, and brethren J. T. Dicken and L. S
Terry. Farish to write.

Louisville—Elders J. F. Wilson, T. Y. Roland, W. B. Hollis, an
brother J. S. Holloway. Holloway to write.

Zion—J. S. Holloway, J. H. Ellis, J. A. Winters and J. Stinson. Winters to write.

Baptist State Convention—Elders J. F. Wilson, T. Y. Roland, J. R. Farish and W. B. Lloyd, and brother J. S. Holloway. Elder Roland to write.

Appointed Union meetings as follows:

First District—Pilgrim's Rest, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1870. Elder J. F. Wilson to preach.

Second District—Yockanookany, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August 1870. Elder Lloyd to preach.

Third District—Friday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1870, with Providence. B. F. Hodges to preach.

Appointed the next meeting of this Association with the Church at Center (Union,) in the southeast corner of Attala county, 14 miles southeast of Kosciusko, on the road to Hooper's Ferry, Pearl River, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1870, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and not to adjourn till Monday.

Suspended the order of business, and Elder T. J. Walne presented the claims of the Baptist, Miss., College to the consideration of the Association, and warmly supported by Elders Head and Portwood.

The Committee to revise the Decorum, &c., continued, and were required to report at the next annual meeting of this body.

The Committee's report on the several queries, were received, and the hour being late, were laid on the table.

The following resolution was adopted: That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Pleasant Ridge Church, and the community, for their hospitality in entertaining the members of the Association.

Ordered that the Clerk have six hundred copies of our minutes printed and distributed pro rata to the Churches, and that the Clerk have the balance of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer.

It being a late hour, the minutes were approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and the brethren sung a song and proceeded to take the parting hand. The Moderator, on motion, declared the Association adjourned, by a benediction.

W. B. LLOYD, Moderator.

S. DURHAM, Clerk.

Appendix A.

Report of the Committee on Documents, &c.

We, your committee on Documents, Correspondence, &c., beg leave to report as follows: "THE BAPTIST," published at Memphis, Tenn., by our able, well and favorably known, brother, J. R. Graves, is a sterling Baptist paper, and we earnestly recommend it to the favorable consideration of all our brethren, as a leading Denominational Organ; also the "Home & Foreign Journal," published at Richmond, Va. and the "Kind Words," a Sabbath School paper, published at Memphis, Tenn., and edited by Mrs. S. R. Ford. We refer the Queries sent up to the consideration of the body. Respectfully submitted. J. F. WILSON, Ch'm.

Appendix B.

Report of the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions.

We your committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We believe it is the duty of the Association to suggest, from time to time, what they think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel. We regret there is nothing being done for Domestic Missions within our bounds, and from the limited time we can give to the consideration of the subject, at present, we would only report the command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"—which implies a responsibility upon us to do all we can for the spread of the gospel; and we ought all to be fellow-helpers to the truth. We recommend that each church send up a contribution to aid the spread of the gospel to the destitute within our bounds, and that each pastor and minister should lay and urge the subject before their churches. We would recommend that an Executive Board, consisting of the officers of this Association, and ten other brethren, five of whom to constitute a quorum, be appointed at this meeting. All of which is submitted. L. S. TERRY, Ch'm.

Appendix C.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report, that according to the letters from the several churches, there seems to be no action on this subject, and we regret to learn there is so little interest manifested in this source of moral and religious instruction, which we consider as second only to the preached gospel. We therefore recommend to the churches more energy on the subject, and urge on our pastors the propriety of bringing this subject before their several congregations. Respectfully submitted, W. C. VEAZY, Ch'm.

Appendix D.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Churches.

Your committee on the State of the Churches beg leave to make the following report. From an examination of the letters from the several churches, we are led to this conclusion: The churches at County Line, Samaria, Jerusalem, Union Center, Yockanookany, Bethsaida, Crape Creek, Poplar Creek, Liberty and Pilgrim's Rest, have enjoyed precious revival seasons from the presence of the Lord, which calls for gratitude and thanksgiving from the hearts of His people. The churches at Pleasant Ridge, Long Creek, New Hope, Pine Bluff and Springdale appear to be at peace among themselves, and in a lively condition, for which we feel thankful. The churches at Rocky Point, Kosciusko, Trinity, Macedonia, Union, Edgefield [illegible]son's Ridge, we fear are in a declining condition, and ask the prayers of the Association. J. S. HOLLOWAY, Ch'm.

Appendix E.

Report of the Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Blacks.

We, your committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Blacks, beg leave to make the following report: We believe the churches should take them under their supervision, and act by and with them, as they think best and proper.

Respectfully submitted. J. A. WINTERS, Ch'm.

Appendix F.

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report to-wit: That Elder B. F. Haynes preach the next Introductory Sermon, and W. B. Hollis Alternate. Respectfully submitted. J. W. HENDERSON, Ch'm.

Appendix G.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee on Ministerial Education present the following as their report:

1. That we urge all the churches of Kosciusko Association to enquire in their midst for young men called of God to preach the Gospel—that they encourage them and aid them in acquiring a suitable education.

2. That we urge the Association to provide means for the education of young men called within our own bounds, and that each minister be an agent for the collection of this fund and the fostering of these young men.

3. That we most heartily endorse the Mississippi College at Clinton, as the place where all our young men should receive their literary and classical education.

J. R. FARISH, Ch'm.

Appendix H.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the churches for minutes, the sum of	$63 50
Received from former Clerk (balance on hand,)	3 75
Total	$67 25

and paid the same to the Treasurer. We also examined the Treasurer's Report, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted, DAVID BURNEY, Ch'm.

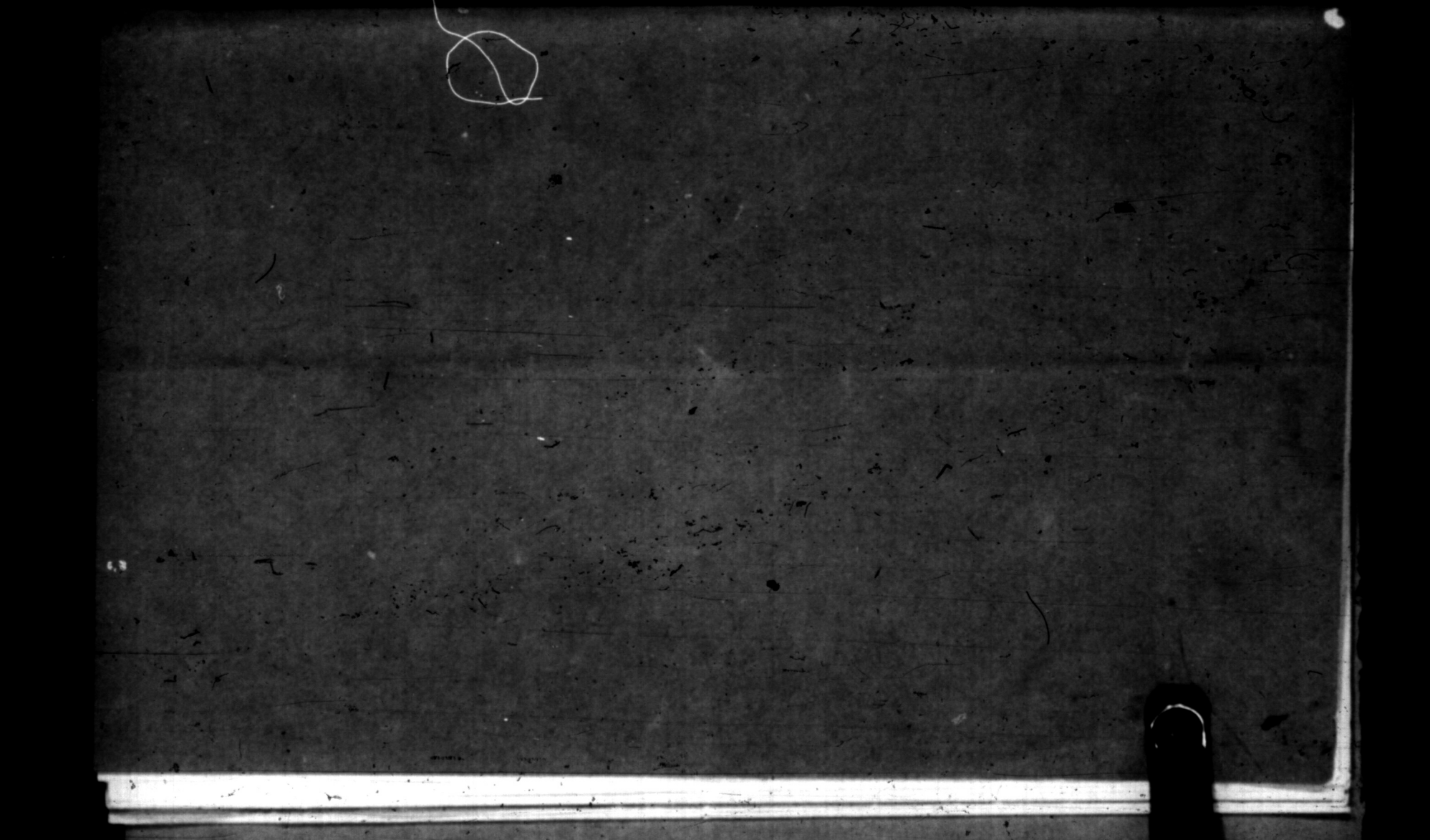
STATISTICAL TABLE SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Bap	Rec'd by Le.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excelled	Dead.	W. Males.	W. Females	Blacks	Total in Fello'ship.	Rec'd for Emissaries.	Sab. Meet.	PASTORS.	Post-offices.
First District.												$ ct			
1 Poplar Creek	Elder J F. Wilson, D L. Wilson, H. J. Stinson		3	1	4	1		14	31	3	48	2 00	3	J F Wilson,	Huntsville
2 Pine [illegible]	W W. Garner,* J. S. Bennett,* A. J. Grantham	1	[illegible]		[illegible]		1	8	25	3	36	2 00	4	T Y Rolan,	Poplar Creek
3 Grape Creek	J. Clanton, J. B. Garret,* H. B. Moore*		[illegible]		[illegible]				26	2	31	1 25	1	D P Jones	Huntsville
4 Union	W W Moore,* S W Skinner, M Ellard	6	4	00	5		1	16	22		32	1 50	1	T Y Rolan	Kosciusko
5 Pilgrim's Rest	W F Veazy, B T Clark, I Wilson	16	5	00	4	2		26	54	20	106	3 00	4	J F Wilson,	Kosciusko
6 Macedonia	A E Jones, M T Bell,* J M Mitchell	6	2	00				7	17	1	27	2 50	2	J T Fulks	Kosciusko
7 Fetch	No letter or delegates										130				
8 Bethsaida	J S Holloway, R Thrailkill, J H Ellis, G W Price, E L Ellis*	19	6	2	7	4	3	59	33	10	141	4 00	2	J F Wilson	Huntsville
9 Trinity	Elder D P Jones, A J Winters, J Powers	6	0	07		2		3	7		10	1 00	4	D P Jones	Bankston
Second District.															
10 Long Creek	Elds. W B Lloyd, J R Farish, D A Ellington, & J G Sallis* B B Dicken, D P Smith		2	2		4					13	25 00	4	W B Lloyd	Kosciusko
11 Samaria	L S Terry, J T Dicken, D E Cook, A S Guyton	15	2	1	8	1		17	55	27	127	4 00	3	W B Lloyd	Kosciusko
12 Pleas't Ridge	Elder J W Henderson, J F Hughes, W W Boyett	1	3		8			20	29		68	3 00	2	W B Lloyd	Kosciusko
13 Kosciusko	S J Durham, S Durham, L B Story*	10	1		7			6	15		21	3 00	3	D H Dobbs	Kosciusko
14 Jerusalem	G M Dotson,* J M Dulin,* A W McClain*	6	2	4	3			18	30		54	5 00	4	Wm. McMurtray	Kosciusko
15 New Hope	Elder T Y Roland, D O'Briant,† Peeler	3	3		2			22	39	4	65	2 00	2	T Y Rolan	Kosciusko
16 Yoknookany	H P Denall, W F Woods, R V Allen	35	16					48	33	52	104	5 75	1	Wm. McMurtray	Kosciusko
17 County Line	R Sanders, D Burney, G J Hanna*	49	8		11	2		28	43	61	131	2 20	2	R G Barrett	Kosciusko
18 Springdale	M S Hughes, J W Whatley, D T Guyton*	1	3		7						18	2 50	3	J R Farish	Kosciusko
Third District.															
19 Rocky Point	W B Long, W W Horn*	5	5	3	4		1				34	2 00	3	W B Savage	Center
20 Union, Center	J I Roberts, G M C Davis,* B F Kelly*	8	3	3		4	1				31	3 00	2	Wm. Dorrell	Center
21 Dotty's Spring	Elder John Ray,* J Scott Ray, Willis Cummins	4	0	0			1	12	28	1	41	2 50	4	W B Hollis	Kosciusko
22 Ebenezer	Elder J W Sims,* Thomas Johnson, B Ayers*	3	1	3	1	2	1	11	21	1	33	2 00	3	J W Sims	Kosciusko
23 Big Bell	S Alston,* L D Martin,* P Morgan	1	0	0					3	2	18	1 00	1	W B Savage	Kosciusko
24 Providence	E Turner, George Boges	0	2		1	1		7	9		18	1 50	1	J W Sims	Kosciusko
25 Carpers Ridge	Elders B F Haynes, (W B Savage,*) D Nowell	1	7		6	3		6	33		58	1 50	4	W B Savage	Kosciusko
26 Liberty	Elder W B Hollis, T G White, T C Kelly*	7	5	3	5	5					42	2 00	3	W B Hollis	Kosciusko

Rec'd by Baptism 145—Rec'd by Letter 107—Restored 17—Dismissed 91—Expelled 23—Dead 8—Total in fellowship 1433.

Those marked thus (*) were absent. †Minutes of 1857.

STATISTICAL TABLE SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.



MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

KOSCIUSKO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

LONG CREEK CHURCH,

CITÁLA, CO., MISS.

Commencing Saturday, Oct. 19th, 1878.

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OFFICERS:

WILLIAM B. LLOYD.....Moderator.
WILLIAM M. FARRAR.....Clerk.

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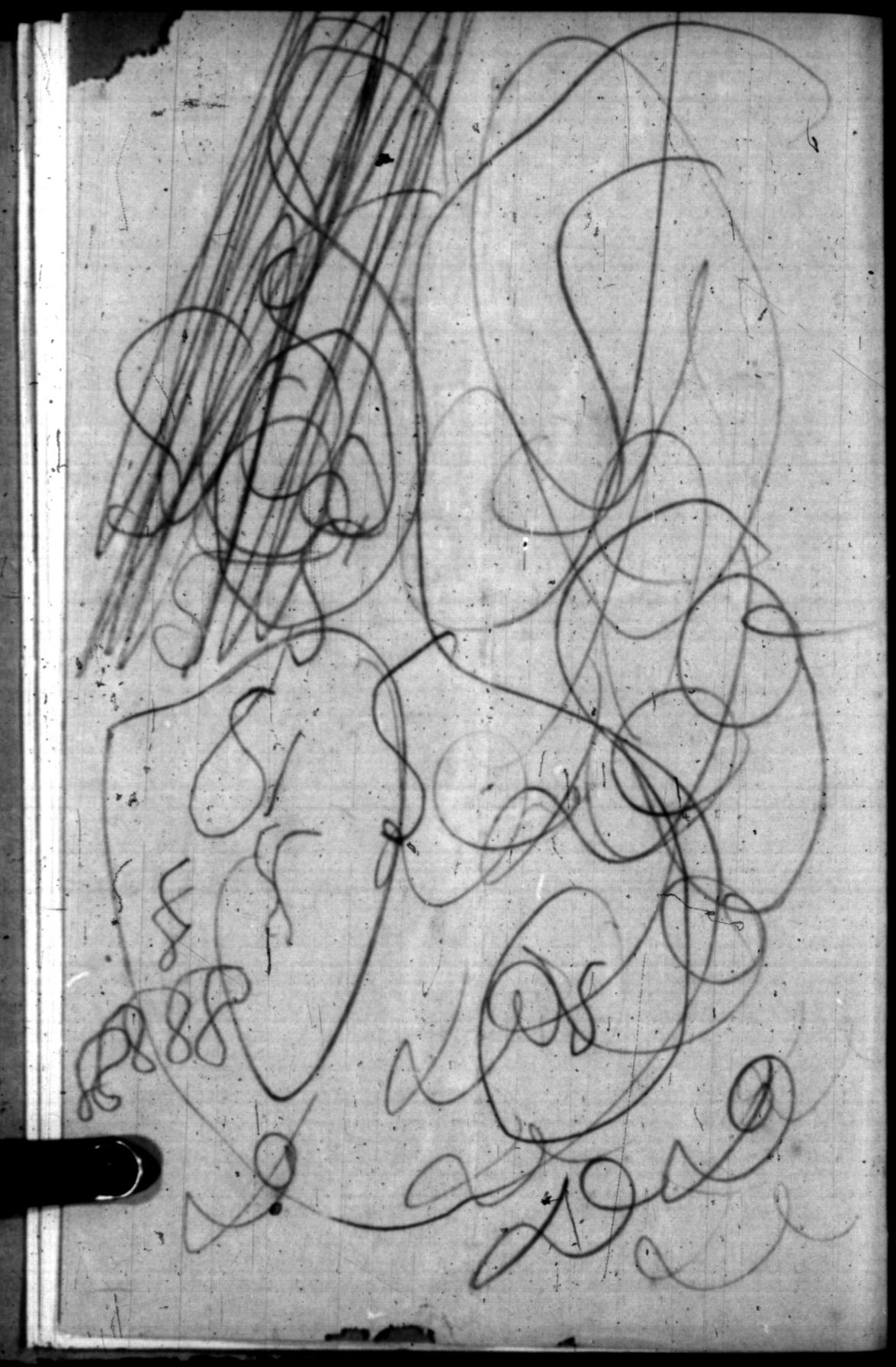


MINUTES.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 19th, 1878.

THE KOSCIUSKO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in her 18th annual session, with the Long Creek Baptist Church of Christ, Attala county, Miss., at ten o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by the former Moderraor, Elder D. A. Ellington.

Prayer by Eld. R. V. Rowe.

The Moderator appointed Elders R. V. Rowe and T. A. Moore, Reading Clerks.

Letters were read from the Churches, and delegate's names enrolled.

Called for newly constituted Churches.

On motion adjourned for preaching.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. A. Ellington, from Hebrews, 13th chapter, 8th verse.

Adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, Elders W. W. McMurtry and R. V. Rowe were requested to act as tellers; who announced Elder W. B. Lloyd, Moderator, and Elder William M. Farrar, Clerk.

Proceeded to the appointment of Committees.

Committees:

On Preaching—J. H. Ellis, I. Peeler, D. A. Ellington, and the Deacons of Long Creek church.

On Documents—Eld. A. W. Skinner, D. T. Guifton and J. G. Sallis.

On Missions—A. H. Booth, W. M. Farrar, and T. A. Moore.

Sabbath Schools—Wiley Sanders, M. S. Hughes, and J. G. Sallis.

Condition of the Churches—J. G. Ray, Elders D. T. Dendy, and D. A. Ellington.

Nominations—A. W. Skinner, J. T. Dicken, and T. G. Caldwell.

Finance—W. B. Allen, J. P. Hughes, and D. T. Guiton.

Ministerial Education—Elders William M. Farrar, A. A. H. Booth, and T. A. Moore.

Queries and Requests—J. J. Mallett, D. P. Smith, and H. T. Temple.

Spiritual Condition of the Colored People—J. W. Sanders, D. N. Blackstock, and N. H. Jones.

Received Correspondence.

From the Yazoo Association—Eld. A. V. Rowe.

From the Harmony Association—Elders W. W. McMurtry, R. E. Melvin, R. G. Barrett, and Brethren Jno. Barrett, and J. T. Barrett.

Returned Correspondence.

To Yazoo Association—For 1879, W. F. Skinner, and M. S. Hughes.

To Harmony Association—To meet at Jerusalem Church next Saturday, W. M. Farrar, D. A. Ellington, and T. A. Moore.

To Louisville Association—Brethren J. S. Ray, D. T. Dendy, W. M. Farrar, J. W. Simms, and Jno. Ray.

To State Convention—A. H. Booth, W. M. Farrar, T. A. Moore, W. F. Skinner, W. B. Lloyd, A. F. Temple and J. S. Ray.

The committee on preaching reported as follows:

Bro. W. W. McMurtry to preach to-night.

Bro. A. H. Booth, to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Bro. R. E. Melvin, in the afternoon, and Bro. Barrett at night.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Met for worship at 9 o'clock, prayer conducted by Elder T. A. Moore. Special prayer to God in behalf of our stricken and afflicted land.

Preaching at 11 o'clock, by Elder Booth, from Mark, 2nd chapter, 70th verse. Preaching at 3 o'clock, by Elder R. E. Melvin, from Luke, 24th chapter, 47 verse. Preaching at night by Elder Barrett, to large audiences, and we hope much good was accomplished.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Eld. R. E. Melvin.

Roll was called and absentees marked.

Report of Committees:

Report on Documents received and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report,—The Baptist Record, of Mississippi, is a readable paper, full of good Bible expositions. The Baptist, of Memphis, contains much that is of the best. The Christian Repository, a

monthly of the highest order, always filled with good, solid matter. We heartily recommend all three to the brethren and sisters of the Association; and while we recommend them, we insist that one, if not all, be taken by every family in the Association. We recommend the International lessons for the Sabbath school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SKINNER.

Report of Committee on Missions:

Your Committee on Missions, would beg leave to report that the gospel of our salvation is the gift of God to the world, and His people are under every conceivable obligation to extend its benefits to the ends of the earth; for the Master said to His disciples just as He was about to leave the earth: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The preaching of the gospel in all the world, is a work required of every christian. The importance of this work is abundantly manifest in the vastness of the field which is now open to the gospel. Your committee knows of no country where the christian may not freely exercise his religious convictions. The opening of the way for the gospel in all the world, calls loudly upon christians to go forward and possess the land for Christ, which we cannot neglect with impunity. Your committee would call, in this work, special attention to the home and foreign boards for missions, and would recommend that the pastors of the churches of this Association, at some suitable time during the next Associational year, preach a sermon to their respective charges, and take up a collection for the work herein set forth.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BOOTH.

On Sabbath Schools.

Your committee regards the Sabbath School enterprise as being one of only secondary importance to the church, believ-

ing it a suitable place to bring our children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," while the mind is young and tender, susceptible of receiving lasting impressions. The promises of God's word are to the young—"They that seek me early shall find me." The Sabbath School when properly conducted, is calculated to make earnest and diligent inquiry in the minds of the youth, especially when the superintendent and teachers regard it as their individual duties to lead their pupils to Christ. The youth of our country will soon take the places of their fathers and mothers, for they must soon "go the way of all the earth." With this view of the subject, the importance of indoctrinating the young in the truths of the Bible cannot be portrayed in words. We can only express our sense of appreciation, by prompt and decided action. It is the duty of every church in this Association to organize a Sabbath School. It can be done by proper effort and exertion, for "where there is a will there is a way." We regret to see so little manifestation of interest on this subject, and feel to say, "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Respectfully submitted,

WILEY SANDERS.

On Condition of the Churches:

Your Committee on the spiritual condition of the churches beg leave to report as follows:

From the reading of the letters sent from the churches, several have had large additions and seem to be in a prosperous condition; while several others seem not to have had any accessions, yet seem to be in a healthy condition, and others again, report peace and harmony, but in a cold state.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SCOTT RAY.

On Ministerial Education:

Your Committee on Ministerial Education report as follows: Too much cannot be said in favor of education. To educate

a mind, is to develop its latent energies; to bring out its God-like proportion, and to fit it for a higher and nobler sphere of action. To educate a heart renewed by the grace of God, conformed to the image of Christ, and to consecrate to His service, is to enable its fortunate possessor, to accomplish a vast amount of good in the world. Then the minister of Christ, who has both his mind and heart developed and educated to their utmost capacity, and directed by the spirit of God, is in the best possible condition to break the bread of life to a perishing world. If education fits a man for higher usefulness, then ministers, above all others, should be educated. If knowledge is power, then ministers, above all others, should have knowledge. A little knowledge, however, is dangerous in a minister, as in other individuals.

We must have an educated ministry. The christian world demands it. Other christian denominations have seen and felt its necessity, and they are using every means to educate their young ministers. Shall the Baptist denomination be left in the back-ground? Shall we stand still till we lose the vantage ground we have already gained? We cannot afford to remain indifferent on this important subject. There are young men now within the bounds of the Association who are called of God to preach, yet they lack the encouragement and aid necessary to prepare them for the work. Let us search them out, and give them all the aid and encouragement we can, and God will do the rest. Let us send them to school if we can, but if we cannot do that, let us offer to them the use of our libraries; give or lend them useful books and periodicals, and give them opportunity to exercise their gifts in public. In this way, many a bright jewel has been plucked from the dark and gloomy caverns of ignorance; has been polished and made a bright and shining light in the church of Christ and the world. We heartily recommend Mississippi College as a school most iminently suitable for a proper and efficient

training of young ministers. We know no school in the State, or even in the South, more suited to our wants, and we deem it the duty of this Association, not only to patronize this Institution as far as practical, but to help support those young ministers who now attend the College, as God in His mercy has prospered us.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MOORE.

The Spiritual Condition of the Colored People:

Your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Colored People, beg leave to make the following report: Though we can see some signs of spiritual progress and improvement among the colored people since their emancipation, yet we see vast room for still more improvement. They need, and seem more willing than formerly, to receive instruction from intelligent white teachers and ministers; hence it is our duty, especially that of ministers, to take advantage of their willingness to learn, and not only to seek but to make opportunities to give them wholesome instruction. Especially do they need to be taught intelligently the word of God. The colored people have been emancipated from physical bondage, but they are still held in more terrible slavery of ignorance and superstition. Then let every effort possible be made to eradicate those diabolical superstitions which enslave benighted minds. They appreciate any kindness offered by their white brethren. They have immortal souls to be saved, and shall we who have tasted the Bread of Life refuse to offer it to them, and allow them to perish at our very doors!

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANDERS.

On Nominations.

We your Committee on Nominations would report, that A.

H. Booth preach the next introductory sermon, and W. B. Hollis, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SKINNER.

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following:

We find the Treasurer's report correct, and the same is hereby submitted. The Treasurer for 1876, failed to report to the last Association, but has submitted it to your Committee, and we find it correct, and recommend that it be printed in the minutes. We have received from the churches for minutes, $30 75; for associational purposes $1 00; for Foreign Missions, Sabbath collections, $16 00 35; from the hand of the Treasurer $2 20. Total $50 30.

All of which has been handed the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ALLEN.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1876.

I. PEELER, TREASURER, *In Account with the Kosciusko Baptist Association, for* 1876.

DR.

Received from Finance Committee	$40 60

CR.

Paid for printing 500 copies of Minutes	$29 00
Paid for postage	1 60
Services as Clerk	10 00
Total	$40 60

ISAAC PEELER, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1877-1878.

J. SCOTT RAY, TREASURER,

In Account with the Kosciusko Association,

For the years 1877 *and* 1878.

DR.

To amount received from Finance Committee for Minutes	$40 35
To amount received for Home Missions	16 80
" " " " Foreign Missions	13 75
Total	$70 90

CR.

By amount paid to Executive Board	$16 80
By money order to H. A. Tucker, Secretary F. M. B.	13 75
By amount paid for printing 600 copies of Minutes	27 50
By postage on Minutes	65
By amount paid as Clerk	10 00
Total	$68 70
Balance on hand	$ 2 20

J. SCOTT RAY, Treasurer.

On Queries and Requests.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests, submit the following: We find a request from Doty Springs Church, for the convening of this body at its next session with her. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with that Church, eighteen miles east of Kosciusko.

J. J. MALLETT.

Which request was granted.

Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Clerk be requested to superintend the printing of the minutes, and distributing them according

to the money paid by each church, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

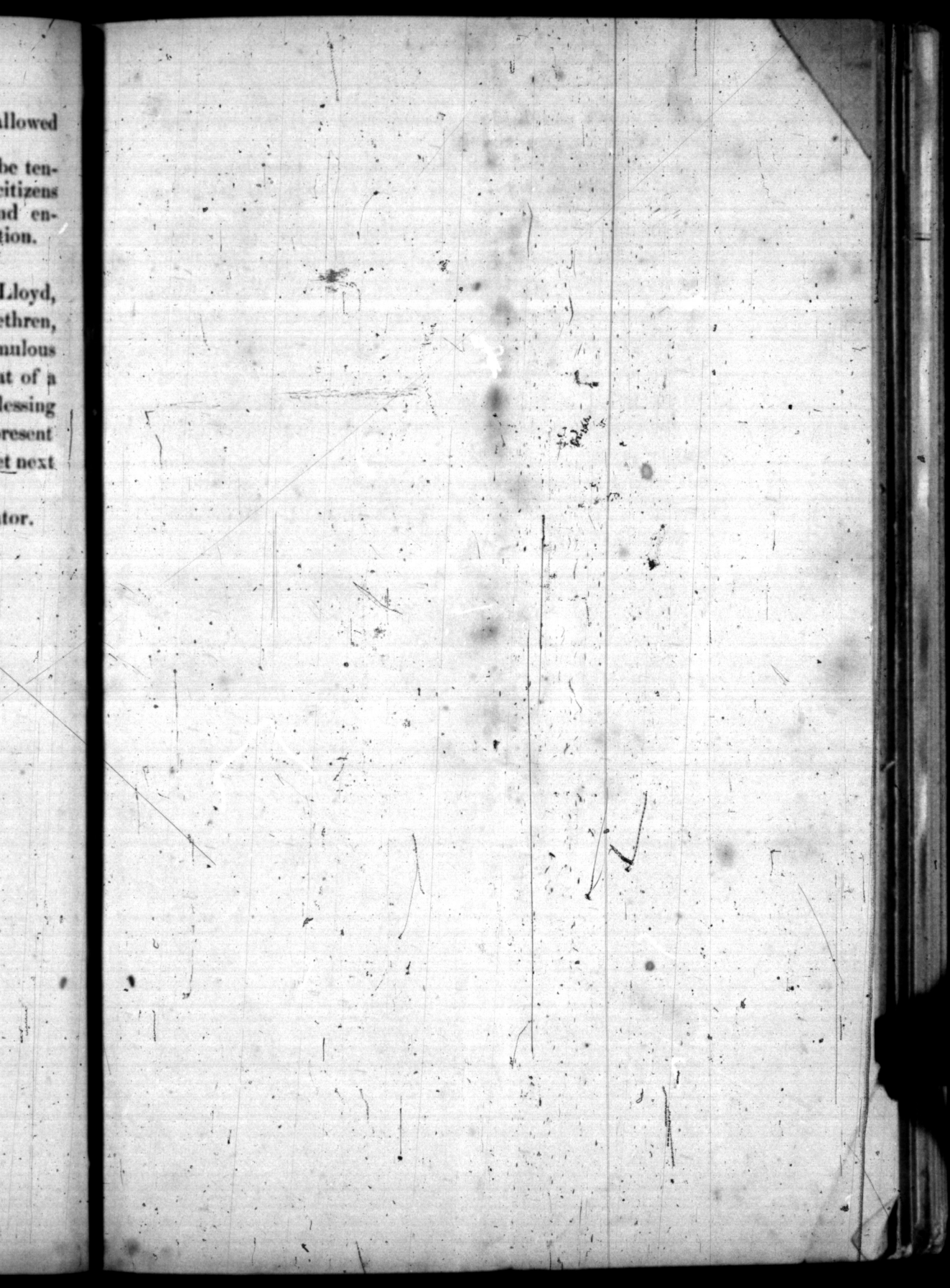
2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Long Creek Church and the citizens of the community for the very hospitable reception and entertainment of the delegates and visitors of the Association.

Thus closed a very harmonious session of this body.

Pending the motion of adjournment, Bro. W. B. Lloyd, our Moderator, gave a very feeling address to the Brethren, considering his age, his venerable appearance, and tremulous voice, and choking sensation; his appeals were as that of a loving father giving his beloved children his parting blessing on the verge of the grave. We hope all who were present will be profited thereby. The motion to adjourn to meet next fall with the Doty Springs Church, was carried.

W. B. LLOYD, Moderator.

WILLIAM M. FARRAR, Clerk.



STATISTICAL TABLE FOR

CHURCHES.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dism'd by letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sab'th to Meet.	Amt. for M'ters.
First District.												
Bethesda	Huntsville	3	2	9	0	0	2	42	67	112	2	$2 25
Crape Creek	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	37	65	4	1 10
Macedonia	Kosciusko	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	40	1	1 25
Pine Bluff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poplar Creek	Huntsville	12	7	3	...	...	...	44	50	102	3	2 25
Pilgrim's Rest	Walls	...	1	1	1	...	...	22	30	52	4	1 00
Union	"	...	2	...	1	...	1	19	16	25	1	1 50
Pleasant Grove	Poplar Creek	1	2	...	...	...	...	10	12	22	3	50
Second Dist.												
Pleasant Ridge	Kosciusko	17	3	2	...	2	1	35	52	87	2	2 00
Long Creek	Sallis Station	...	2	5	2	2	2	40	68	108	2	3 00
Samaria	"	...	2	3	...	...	1	21	42	63	3	2 00
Kosciusko	Kosciusko	8	1	...	1	1	...	...	54	54	3	2 00
Jerusalem	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	21	39	2	1 20
County Line	Cuba, Leake co.	6	5	17	9	3	2	62	75	137	2	1 70
Yokonokany	Thomastown	5	...	4	3	1	1	15	30	45	1	2 85
Spring Dale	Durant	6	2	...	...	...	1	13	16	29	3	1 50
Seniash	Goodman	6	1	...	1	...	3	19	25	44	2	2 50
Third District.												
Union Center	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Doty Springs	Newtonsville	9	0	2	7	4	...	35	50	85	2	2 50
Ebenezer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Providence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edgefield	Newtonsville	3	4	...	...	...	...	7	10	17	2	65
Carson Ridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope	Kosciusko	...	1	1	1	...	...	22	30	52	1	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	Yorsea, Leake	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	1 00